

1. Applicant's representative's assistant requested a correction to be made regarding claim 27 since in the Notice of allowance it was stated that claim 27 was canceled and also that it was pending. Examiner herin is sending out a supplemental of notice of allowance with the correction that claim 27 is pending.
2. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 9. Applicant has canceled claims 5-8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36. Applicant had previously withdrawn claims 37-71, without traverse, in an election filed 11/05/08. No new claims have been added. Currently, claims 1-4, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 37-71 are pending. Since this application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of the withdrawn claims, examiner is canceling the withdrawn claims by examiner's amendment in order to expedite this application. Examiner refers to the action below.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Please cancel claims 37-71.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35 are allowed.
5. Applicant's arguments, see remarks pages 25-29, filed 04/07/09, with respect to claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35USC 103(a) rejection of claims 1-4 has been withdrawn.
6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANAND BHATNAGAR whose telephone number is (571)272-7416. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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